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ECC Compton Center Art Instructor's Work Featured at Los Angeles Gallery Exhibit

El Camino College Compton Center art instructor Vanessa Madrid's artwork is currently being showcased at the Coagula Curatorial exhibit, "Top Ten," in Los Angeles' Chinatown area art district. "Top Ten" is a group show juried by *Artillery Magazine's* Editor-In-Chief Tulsa Kinney.

Madrid's artwork, entitled "Death Star Series," is comprised of sculptures and monoprints influenced by the movie "Star Wars." According to the artist, her work in this series "explores absence, longing, memory, and how people live with physical, emotional and spiritual lack."

"Working with the 'Death Star' as a physical creation as well as a concept allowed me to explore these systems in a variety of ways," said Madrid. "I put simple geometric shapes together to form channels and highly charged negative spaces. I hope the viewer sees these spaces and shapes as a reflection of both inner space and outer space; places of solace, reflection, and longing; and that the works resonate with them in an essential, elemental way."

Madrid joined the ECC Compton Center faculty in fall 2014. She teaches Art 101–Art & Visual Culture in Modern Life, Art 110–Drawing Fundamentals I, Art 130–Two-Dimensional Design I, and Art 222–Fundamentals of Painting I. She also teaches Art 101 as part of the curriculum for the First Year Experience program.

She earned a master's degree in sculpture and installation from Claremont Graduate University, and a bachelor's degree in applied design of textiles and metals, while receiving a minor in biology, at California State University, San Diego.

For more information about Vanessa Madrid and her artwork, please visit her website at www.vanessamadrid.com. The "Top Ten" exhibition continues at [Coagula Curatorial](#) gallery through February 14, 2016. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday from 1:00-6:00 p.m.

About El Camino College Compton Center

El Camino College Compton Center is the community's education solution offering a full complement of transfer and degree courses, as well as career and technical education. Students may earn an associate degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university or train for a career. El Camino College Compton Center is located at 1111 E. Artesia Boulevard, Compton, CA.



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